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1. (SBU) PolCouns delivered reftel talking points to Ganeson Sivagurunathan, Under Secretary for the MFA's Multilateral Political Division, on October 23, explaining that during the 64th UN General Assembly, the USG would place great importance on the human rights resolutions related to Iran, Burma and the DPRK, would continue to oppose no-action motions in general, and sought support of the biennial elections resolution. (Discussion of the Defamation of Religion resolution in septel.)

2. (SBU) On the human rights resolutions, Ganeson replied that the GOM generally opposed country-specific human rights resolutions, preferring that the UN remain engaged with the countries in question and try to obtain improvements through continued dialogue. The exception was the GOM's 2006 support for the DPRK resolution, which the GOM supported in protest of the DPRK's October 2006 nuclear weapons test. He did not comment on the other USG priorities, but offered to discuss UNGA resolutions case-by-case, noting that the GOM's UN positions are heavily influenced by the annual communiqués from the Organization on Islamic Conferences and the Non-Aligned Movement.
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